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SUBJECT: GONA PATROL BOAT PROPOSAL

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1. WE RECOGNIZE GROWING NARCOTICS SMUGGLING PROBLEM IN NA,
AND WE WISH BE RESPONSIVE TO GONA'S DESIRE TO UPGRADE ITS
OWN CAPABILITIES. IN ORDER TO ASSESS GONA MINISTER OF
JUSTICE'S PROPOSAL MORE THOROUGHLY, FURTHER INFORMATION
WOULD BE HELPFUL ON NATURE OF TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS AND
NUMBER AND TYPE OF PATROL BOATS GONA MAY HAVE IN MIND.
FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT SIZE, SPEED AND CRUISING RANGE REQUIRE-
MENTS ARE DESIRED OF PATROL BOATS? WHAT NUMBER, SIZE,AGE
AND KIND OF PARTOL BOATS DOES NETHERLANDS ANTILLES PRESENT-
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LY HAVE, AND WHAT ARE THEIR CAPABILITIES? WHAT KIND OF

BOATS ARE THEY SEEKING TO CAPTURE? ALSO, SINCE PATROL BOATS PRESENTLY IN USE PRESUMABLY WERE FUNDED BY GONA OR GON FOR GENERAL SHORE PATROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, WHAT FUNDING COULD BE COUNTED ON FROM THOSE SOURCES IN REPLACING OLD BOATS WITH BETTER ONES?

2. NARCOTICS INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO EXAMINE THIS GONA PROPOSAL ON AN AD HOC BASIS, IF URGENCY OF SITUATION REQUIRES. HOWEVER, WITH ANTICIPATED OPENING OF DEA OFFICE IN CURACAO, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE BETTER

ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER IN THAT CONTEXT. MEANWHILE, WE DO NOT WISH TO RAISE UNREALISTIC HOPES OF JUSTICE MINISTER. THUS, IF APPROACH TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES IS REQUIRED TO ANSWER ABOVE QUESTIONS, IT SHOULD BE MADE LOW KEY. INGERSOLL

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